

REMARKS

Applicants note that the Examiner indicates that Group I includes Claims 1-13 and 19-27, that Group II includes Claims 14-28, and that Group III includes Claims 28-32. To the extent that there is overlap between Claims 19-27 in Groups I and II, and Claim 28 in Groups II and III, Applicants request clarification.

Applicants elect, without traverse, to have the invention of Group I, Claims 1-13 and 19-27 examined. Claims 28-32, which are drawn to the invention of Group III, are canceled without prejudice. Further, Claims 14-17 have been amended to depend from Claim 1. Applicants hereby request examination of Claim 14-17 due to this dependency from Claim 1. Claim 18 has been canceled without prejudice.

Applicants further elect, with traverse, Specie I of Figure 1. Applicants submit that Claims 1-5, 9-17, 19-20, 25-27 read upon the elected Specie I.

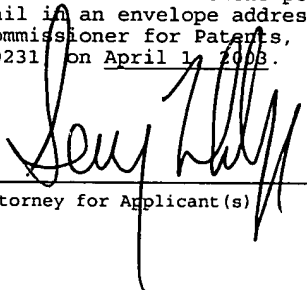
Further, Applicants submit that Claims 1-2, 4, 9-10, 12-13-17, 19-20, 25-27 are generic and thus the election is made with traverse in that the Examiner asserts that "Currently, Claims are not generic" at page 3 of the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-17, 19-27 are pending in the Application. If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact the undersigned Attorney for Applicants.

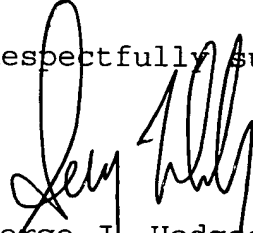
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